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- October 14 – Federal Register Notice Vol. 70, No. 198, FR Doc. 05-20579 CBP announces the implementation of automated truck manifest to be deployed at the following ports in the State of Michigan, no earlier than the dates indicated (all in the year 2005): Windsor Tunnel, October 4; Barge Transport, October 5; Ambassador Bridge, October 7; Port Huron, October 14; Marine City, October 18; Algonac, October 18; and Sault St. Marie, October 28.
- October 7 – ACE deployed at Ambassador Bridge, Fort Street Cargo Facility in Michigan
- October 4 – ACE deployed at Windsor Tunnel, Michigan
- September 22 – Federal Register Notice Vol. 70, No. 183, FR Doc. 05-18912 announced the elimination of the bond rider requirement for the use of periodic monthly statement in ACE.
- August 24 – ACE deployed at Pembina, North Dakota
- August 23 – ACE deployed at Noyes, Minnesota
- August 22 – ACE deployed at Neche, North Dakota
- August 17 – ACE deployed at Walhalla, North Dakota
- August 16 – ACE deployed at Maida and Hannah, North Dakota
- August 15 – ACE deployed at Sales and Hansboro, North Dakota
- August 8 – Federal Register Notice Vol. 70, No. 151, FR Doc. 05-15571 announced three changes designed to ease the periodic monthly payment process: 1) The pay period was extended from the 15th calendar day, to the 15th working day of the month; 2) Automatic liquidated damages claims were eliminated for certain types of late payments; and 3) The ability to include entries containing certain Census warnings on Periodic Daily Statements was added.
- July 29 – Federal Register Notice Vol. 70 No. 145, FR Doc. 05-15046 announced in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration the implementation of ACE in the states of Arizona and North Dakota.
- July 25 – ACE deployed at Nogales, Arizona.
- July 22 – Payment of duties and fees through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) monthly statement and payment capability topped \$1 billion.
- July 21 – ACE deployed at Sasabe, Arizona.
- July 20 – ACE deployed at Lukeville, Arizona.
- July 19 – ACE deployed at Naco, Arizona.
- July 18 – ACE deployed at Douglas, Arizona.
- July 15 – The first anniversary of the first monthly account statements.



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- July 1 – The CBP Office of Information and Technology (OIT) reorganization takes effect. Functions within the Customs and Border Protection Modernization Office are streamlined and integrated into other OIT offices, including the newly created Cargo Management Systems Program Office and the Targeting Systems Office
- June 21 – ACE deployed at Metaline Falls, Washington.
- June 20 – ACE deployed at the ports in Boundry and Frontier, Washington
- June 15 – ACE deployed at the ports of Danville, Ferry, and Laurier in Washington
- June 13 – ACE deployed at Oroville, Washington
- May 31 – Federal Register Notice (FRN) Vol. 70, No. 103, FR Doc. 05-10700 announced modifications to the deployment schedule for the Automated Truck Manifest (e-Manifest: Trucks). As of June 1, 2005, the next sites will be deployed in geographic clusters with one port in the cluster identified as the “model site” for the cluster.
- May 28 – New system enhancements were added to the ACE Secure Data Portal to improve portal navigation, enhance editing/reporting abilities, provide new automation and views for truck carriers, and provide improved screening and targeting features.
- May 15 – Amount of duties and fees paid using the ACE periodic payment feature topped \$700 million since introduction of the capability in June 2004.
- May – Number of ACE accounts exceeded 500.
- April 29 – New Selectivity Foundation features successfully met criteria of design and pilot test readiness reviews.
- April 29 – ACE deployed at Point Roberts, Washington.
- April 26 – The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) of the U.S. Department of the Treasury became a participating International Trade Data System (ITDS) member. More than 20 other federal agencies with missions tied to international trade and transportation are participating in the ITDS program.
- April 26 – ACE deployed at Lynden, Washington.
- April 23 – ACE deployed at Sumas, Washington.
- April 14 – Pilot of the electronic manifest (e-Manifest): Trucks capability and the first ACE port deployment at Blaine was completed. Widespread operational use of ACE at the ports and the e-Manifest: Trucks capability was approved.
- March 28 - Additional capabilities added to Targeting Framework prototype at the National Targeting Center (NTC). New features included: Cargo Sweep for Inbound, which provides a risk rating for cargo coming into the United States on ships; Cargo Sweep for Outbound, which provides a risk rating for cargo being exported out of the United States on ships. The prototype upgrade also consolidated all Microsoft Access databases into a central repository for viewing and analysis.



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- March 21 – Federal Register Notice (FRN) Vol. 70, No. 53, FR Doc. 05-5546 announced modifications to data elements required for participation in the e-Manifest: Trucks pilot.
- March 15 – Amount of duties and fees paid using the ACE periodic payment feature topped \$500 million since introduction of the capability in June 2004.
- February 1 – FRN Vol. 70, No. 20, FR Doc. 05-1768 announced elimination of requirement for membership in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) to establish ACE accounts or participate in pilot tests.

ACE Accomplishments and Milestones: 2004

- December 11 – Pilot of ACE Secure Data Portal deployment and e-Manifest: Trucks capability began in Blaine, Washington.
- November 1 – The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security became a participating International Trade Data System (ITDS) member. More than 20 other federal agencies with missions tied to international trade and transportation are participating in the ITDS program.
- October 27 – Official kick-off meeting conducted for Trade Ambassadors, comprised of importers, brokers, carriers, sureties, vendors, consultants, and attorneys. The mission of the Trade Ambassadors is to provide CBP and the e-Customs Partnership (eCP) with the business perspective on ACE development, design and implementation.
- October 4 – Louis Samenfink was named Customs and Border Protection Modernization Office (CBPMO) Executive Director.
- September 23 – ACE Ambassador certification session held, bringing the total number of Ambassadors to 111.
- September 13 – FRN Vol. 69, No. 176, FR Doc. 04-20585 invited participation of truck carriers with established ACE accounts in a pilot for truck processing features, including an electronic manifest (e-Manifest) for trucks.
- September 8 – FRN Vol. 69, No. 173, FR Doc. 04-20319 invited participation of importers and brokers with established ACE accounts in a pilot for truck processing features, including e-Manifest for trucks.
- August 25 – The pilot of periodic payment features was completed and widespread operational use among ACE participants was approved.
- July 27- Deployed Targeting Framework prototype to the National Targeting Center (NTC). The Targeting Framework is designed to capture and catalog large amounts of data from multiple sources not previously available to CBP, and then perform enhanced analysis to discover previously unknown relationships and linkages.
- July 15 – For the first time in the 215-year history of the legacy U.S. Customs Service, importers were able to obtain a statement for all entries on a monthly basis,



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and pay duties and fees monthly. Since July 1789, importers had paid Customs duties on their goods *one entry at a time*.

- June 20 – New reporting features, ledger integration, notifications, alerts, and other enhancements were added to ACE Secure Data Portal, in addition to periodic payment pilot capabilities.
- June – Pilot of periodic payment and other account revenue features began.
- Spring – Started prototype tests of new border security technologies providing more comprehensive analysis tools to the National Targeting Center.
- February 4 – FRN Vol. 69, No. 23, FR Doc. 04-2254 invited truck carriers to establish ACE accounts.
- February 4 – FRN Vol. 69, No. 23, FR Doc. 04-2253 invited designated brokers for participating importers to establish ACE accounts and announced the pilot testing of ACE account revenue features, including electronic periodic payments and statements similar to commercial credit card systems.

ACE Accomplishments: 2003

- November 5 – The CBPMO achieved Level 2 on the Software Acquisition Capability Maturity Model® (SA-CMM®), becoming the first civilian government organization to receive this important acquisition process rating on a program-wide basis.
- November 1 – Sharon A. Mazur was named Acting Executive Director of CBPMO with the transfer of Charles R. Armstrong to Acting Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Information and Technology.
- October 17 – The ACE Secure Data Portal was officially launched with 41 importer accounts and U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) personnel supporting those accounts sharing information on-line.
- October – A revised ACE Program Plan providing comprehensive details about the program and its milestones was approved.
- September 26 – Building requirements and critical designs for the ACE Secure Data Portal port deployment, and introduction of periodic payment and electronic truck manifest processing features, were approved.
- September 26 – The e-Customs Partnership (eCP) achieved Level 3 on the Capability Maturity Model® for Software (SW-CMM®), a significant rating of its software development processes.
- September – More than 25 government agencies were nominated for ACE/International Trade Data System (ITDS) integration in 2004.
- August – The ACE Ambassador Program, founded in 2002 to create a network of CBP employees who are “champions” of ACE, held two new ACE Ambassador certification training sessions. The number of ambassadors doubled to a total of 86.



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- March 1 – CBP became part of the new U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Modernization Office renamed the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Modernization Office (CBPMO).

ACE Accomplishments: 2002

- May 1 – FRN Vol. 67, No. 84, FR Doc. 02-10777 announced the pilot of the ACE Secure Data Portal.
- March – ACE development began.

ACE Accomplishments: 2001

- September 11 – Scope of ACE expanded to enhance border security focus as a result of terrorist attacks on the United States.
- April 25 – The e-Customs Partnership (eCP) hired. Led by prime contractor, IBM Global Services - Federal, partners include; Lockheed Martin; BearingPoint; Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC); Sandler & Travis Trade Advisory Services (STTAS) Inc.; and more than 40 medium and small businesses.

ACE Accomplishments: 2000

- December 22 – The CBP Modernization Office released the Request for Proposal for the design, integration, and implementation of the modernization of Customs automated systems.
- December 21 – Public Law 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, was enacted, which appropriated funds for the Customs Modernization effort.

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- November 17 – The ITDS office, its functions and support were transferred from the Secretary of Treasury to the Customs Service, where it is now a part of the CBP Office of Information and Technology.
- August – Initial ACE program estimates were prepared.
- March – U.S. Customs Modernization Office established as the dedicated program management organization for Customs Modernization efforts. Charles R. Armstrong was named Executive Director.